

Spiritual

# Were You There?

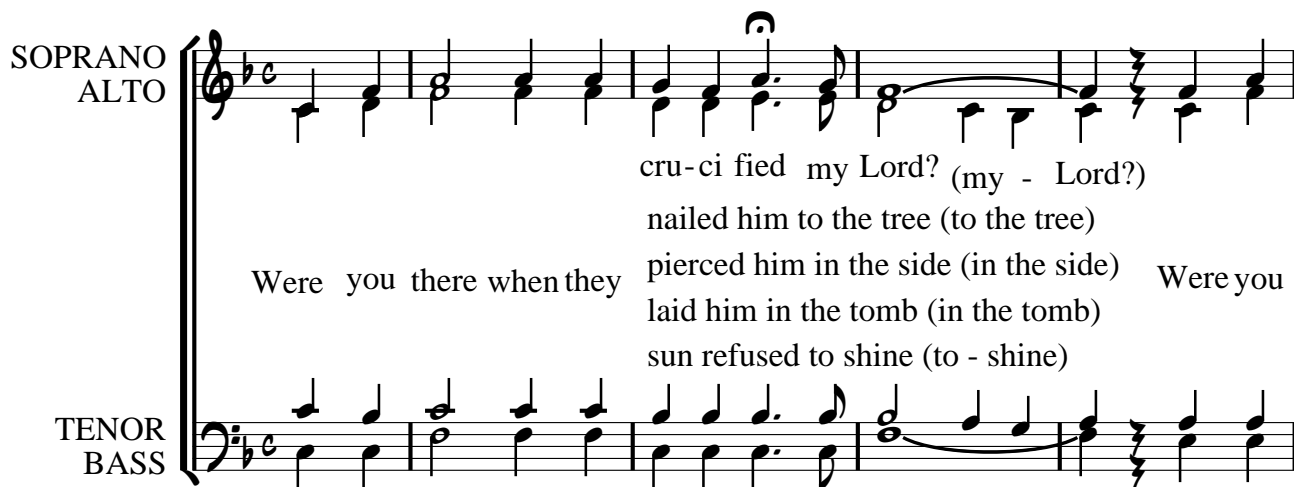
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SOPRANO  
ALTO

Were you there when they

cru-ci fied my Lord? (my - Lord?)  
nailed him to the tree (to the tree)  
pierced him in the side (in the side)  
laid him in the tomb (in the tomb)  
sun refused to shine (to - shine)

TENOR  
BASS

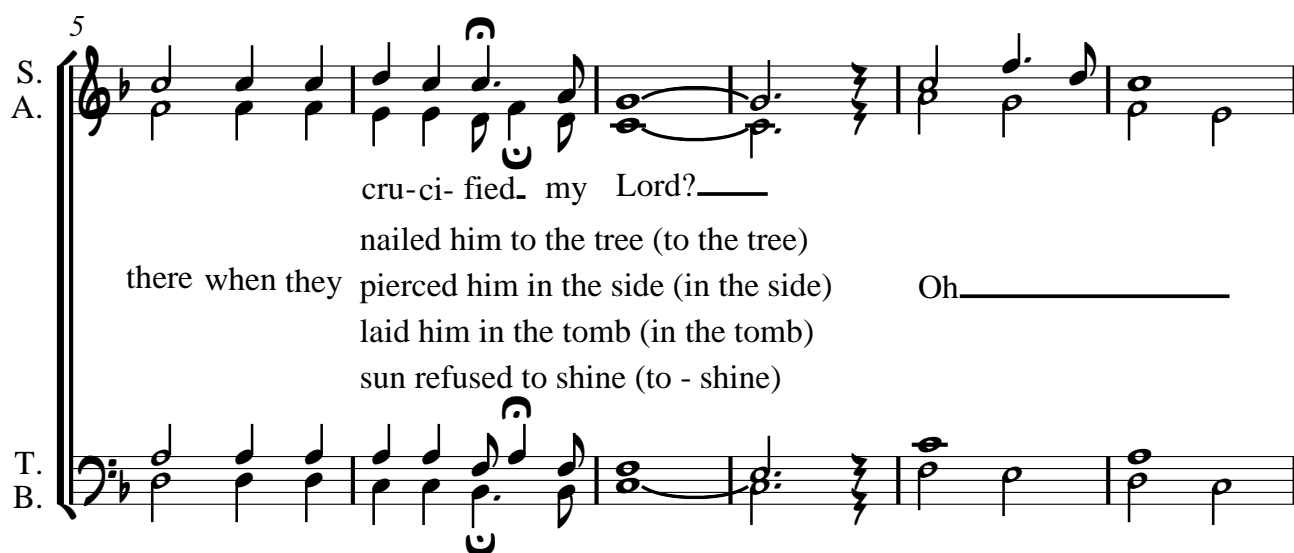
The first system of the musical score for 'Were You There?' features four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano and Alto staves are grouped together, as are the Tenor and Bass staves. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and common time (C). The lyrics are distributed across the staves, with the Soprano and Alto parts having the main lyrics, and the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Were you there when they cru-ci fied my Lord? (my - Lord?) nailed him to the tree (to the tree) pierced him in the side (in the side) laid him in the tomb (in the tomb) sun refused to shine (to - shine)'.

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S.  
A.

cru-ci- fied. my Lord?\_\_\_\_  
nailed him to the tree (to the tree)  
there when they pierced him in the side (in the side) Oh\_\_\_\_\_  
laid him in the tomb (in the tomb)  
sun refused to shine (to - shine)

T.  
B.

The second system of the musical score for 'Were You There?' continues the melody and harmony. It features the same four staves: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics continue: 'cru-ci- fied. my Lord?\_\_\_\_ nailed him to the tree (to the tree) there when they pierced him in the side (in the side) Oh\_\_\_\_\_ laid him in the tomb (in the tomb) sun refused to shine (to - shine)'. The Soprano and Alto parts have a long note on 'Oh' that extends across the system. The Tenor and Bass parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes.

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S.  
A.

some times it cau - ses me to trem ble, trem ble, trem - ble.\_\_\_\_

T.  
B.

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**molto rit,**

S.  
A.

cru - ci - fied\_ my Lord? (my\_ Lord?)

nailed him to the tree (to the tree)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side (in the side)

laid him in the tomb (in the tomb)

sun refused to shine (to - shine)

T.  
B.